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SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS - U.S. PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENT

1. COMMUNIQUE OF RECENT LONDON SUMMIT MEETING OF HEADS
OF GOVERNMENT OF U.S., UK, FRG, CANADA, FRANCE, ITALY AND
JAPAN ENDORSED CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO COMBAT
ILLICIT PAYMENTS, THUS GIVING STRONG IMPETUS TO U.S. DRIVE
TO ESTABLISH SUCH A CONVENTION.

2. FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WAS CONTAINED IN ANNEX TO
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COMMUNIQUE: QUOTE: WE CONSIDER THAT IRREGULAR PRACTICES
AND IMPROPER CONDUCT SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM INTER-
NATIONAL TRADE, BANKING AND COMMERCE, AND WE WELCOME THE
WORK BEING DONE TOWARD INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS PROHIBITING
ILLICIT PAYMENTS. UNQUOTE.

3. PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS PRESS BRIEFING FOLLOWING

SUMMIT, STATED THAT: QUOTE: ANOTHER POINT THAT WAS DISCUSSED, WHICH WAS NOT SO FAR REPORTED, IS THAT WE BELIEVE THAT A TIME HAS COME FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTROL AND

PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGALITIES, BRIBERY, EXTORTION, AND OTHER ACTIONS THAT SOMETIMES HAVE BEEN CONDONED IN THE FIELD OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND BANKING.

QUOTE: I WAS VERY PLEASANTLY IMPRESSED WITH THE STRONG SUPPORT OF ALL THE LEADERS OF GOVERNMENT IN ATTEMPTING, THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THROUGH OUR OWN ACTIONS, TO STAMP OUT THIS EMBARRASSMENT THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT UPON THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD. UNQUOTE.

4. FINAL MEETING OF ECOSOC WORKING GROUP WITH MANDATE TO ELABORATE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO COMBAT ILLICIT PAYMENTS TAKES PLACE IN GENEVA JUNE 27-JULY 1, FOLLOWED BY MEETING OF FULL ECOSOC WHICH WILL CONSIDER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORKING GROUP. REPORT OF WORKING GROUP AND ACTIONS BY THE FULL ECOSOC WILL BE CRUCIAL STEPS IN GOAL OF ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

5. ACTION: ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS. YOU SHOULD SEEK SUIT-ABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW ATTENTION OF HOST GOVERNMENT TO LONDON SUMMIT LANGUAGE ON AN ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT AND TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT INDICATING IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO UN (ECOSOC) WORK ON AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO CONTROL AND ELIMINATE ILLICIT PAYMENTS. POSTS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN ECOSOC WORKING GROUP WILL RECEIVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS BY SEPTTEL. VANCE

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